



Commanding Officer's Guidance to the Crew

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The mission of Marine Safety Units Port Arthur and Lake Charles is to save lives.

EVERYTHING we do, ultimately **SAVES LIVES**. We save lives with our boats, facility & vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, our pollution response, our law enforcement, our Operations Center, our auxiliary volunteers, our hurricane plans, and yes, even the unglamorous and unending paperwork, purchasing, and accounting.
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To save lives in our dangerous operating environment, Marine Safety Units Port Arthur and Lake Charles must, at all times:

BE STRONG

Be strong, mentally and physically. Your performance and **PROFICIENCY** can have ultimate consequences – today. Take time to learn, master, and be proficient in your rate and specialty - lives depend on it. Make the time to be physically fit and ready for the rigors of being a Coast Guardsman - **YOUR** life depends on it.

GET THOSE WE PROTECT, YOURSELF AND YOUR TEAMMATES HOME

Prosecute your mission as though it was **YOUR** family member in harm's way. Realize however, that once we dispatch Coast Guardsmen on any mission, those Coast Guardsmen **ARE** family members in harm's way - constantly monitor and reduce risk to yourself and your teammates. Do not quit the mission until everyone is home, and do not accept unnecessary risks, mediocrity, or atrophy in skills, equipment, or materials.

USE TEAMWORK

Saving lives is a team sport - build teamwork within your department/division and vigorously attack and eliminate any disrespectful behavior threatening our team.

Saving lives in this demanding AOR requires teamwork beyond our AOR boundary. Our partnerships with fellow first responders, law enforcement agencies, environmental organizations, and the maritime industry are crucial to saving lives. Strengthen these partnerships at every opportunity with time, talent, and resources.

Everything we do ultimately saves lives. We do this with our physical and mental strength. We do this with our unyielding focus on our missions and their considerable risks. And always - together as a team.

Mission Success: Save as many lives as we can.